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REMARKS

By this amendment, claim 1 has been amended to recite a blade for a shovel having an elongated handle, the blade having a leading edge furthest away from the handle, and wherein the scallops intersect to form a straight line of distinct forward points generally perpendicular to the handle. This further distinguishes over the cited Sheehan reference, which discloses (one or two) scallops on the side of the blade.

Based upon the foregoing amendments and comments, Applicant believes all claims are in condition for allowance. Questions regarding this application may be directed to the undersigned attorney by telephone, facsimile or electronic mail.

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